

EXHIBIT A
Spencer Declaration

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: D.I. _____

**DECLARATION OF BRIAN SPENCER IN SUPPORT OF
THE MOTION OF HOME MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL FOR
ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM**

I, Brian Spencer, submit this declaration (the “Declaration”) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and declare, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as follows:

1. I am Senior Director of Credit at Home Meridian International (a division of Hooker Furnishings Corporation) (“HMi”).
2. I am duly authorized to submit this Declaration on behalf of HMi and in support of the *Motion for Allowance and Payment of Administrative Expense Claim* (the “Motion”).²
3. All facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, review of relevant documents maintained by HMi in the ordinary course of business, and discussions with my colleagues at HMi familiar with HMi’s business transactions with Debtors.

1 The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors’ corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

2 Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Declaration have the meanings set forth in the Motion.

If I were called to testify as a witness in this matter, I would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

4. I have read the Motion and am familiar with the matters stated therein. Each of the statements contained in the Motion are true and correct, and each is hereby verified as if it were reproduced herein.

5. As of the date hereof, the Debtors owe HMi a total of not less than \$246,405.00 for goods delivered by HMi and received by Debtors in the 20-day period immediately prior to September 9, 2024, which goods were sold to the Debtors in the ordinary course of the Debtors' business (the "503(b)(9) Claim").

6. As of the date hereof, \$421,335.40 of HMi's Critical Vendor Claim remains unpaid.

7. As of the date hereof, HMi's Post-Petition Claim of \$417,330.00, consisting of the following invoices, remains unpaid:

<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>PO #</u>	<u>Order #</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
93352499	95606781	4031654	10/17/2024	11/16/2024	18,105.00
93352500	95606783	4031653	10/17/2024	11/16/2024	19,701.00
93352501	95473569	4027174	10/17/2024	11/16/2024	19,701.00
93352605	95431207	4027180	10/21/2024	11/20/2024	18,615.00
93352604	95430713	4027179	10/21/2024	11/20/2024	19,701.00
93352835	95618158	4032111	10/25/2024	11/24/2024	18,615.00
93352834	95618157	4032109	10/25/2024	11/24/2024	19,701.00
93352833	95611259	4031926	10/25/2024	11/24/2024	18,105.00
93352836	95487061	4027454	10/25/2024	11/24/2024	18,615.00
93353379	95487060	4027453	11/4/2024	12/4/2024	19,701.00
93354103	95606788	4031658	11/21/2024	12/21/2024	19,701.00
93354178	95606784	4031655	11/24/2024	12/24/2024	19,701.00
93354179	95606782	4031651	11/24/2024	12/24/2024	18,105.00
93354194	95572717	4029844	11/26/2024	12/26/2024	19,701.00
93354290	95572724	4029845	11/26/2024	12/26/2024	18,615.00
93354291	95572724	4029843	11/26/2024	12/26/2024	18,615.00
93354292	95572715	4029838	11/26/2024	12/26/2024	19,701.00
93354294	95572715	4029840	11/27/2024	12/27/2024	19,701.00
93354293	95459608	4026670	11/27/2024	12/27/2024	18,105.00
93354355	95606790	4031669	11/28/2024	12/28/2024	18,615.00
93354356	95606789	4031665	11/28/2024	12/28/2024	18,105.00
93354340	95572721	4029848	11/28/2024	12/28/2024	18,105.00

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated January 8, 2025

By:



Brian Spencer